

Nevada Division of Forestry FY18 Grants Guidance



Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)

Western State Fire Managers (WSFM)

&

Hazardous Fuels - Community Protection (HF-CP)



Nevada

DIVISION of FORESTRY

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Overview



Fund source – USDA Forest Service

17 western states compete for the grant funds

NDF solicits proposals from partners

NDF is the final applicant

Process



Pre-Proposal

Full Proposal

NDF Submits
Projects to
Western
Competition

Pre-Proposal Application



Applicants can request up to \$300,000 per project

Applicant: state & local agencies, tribes, non-profits, educational institutions

Applicant provides 100% match (WSFM, LSR) or $\geq 10\%$ match (HF-CP)

Funds cannot be spent on federal lands

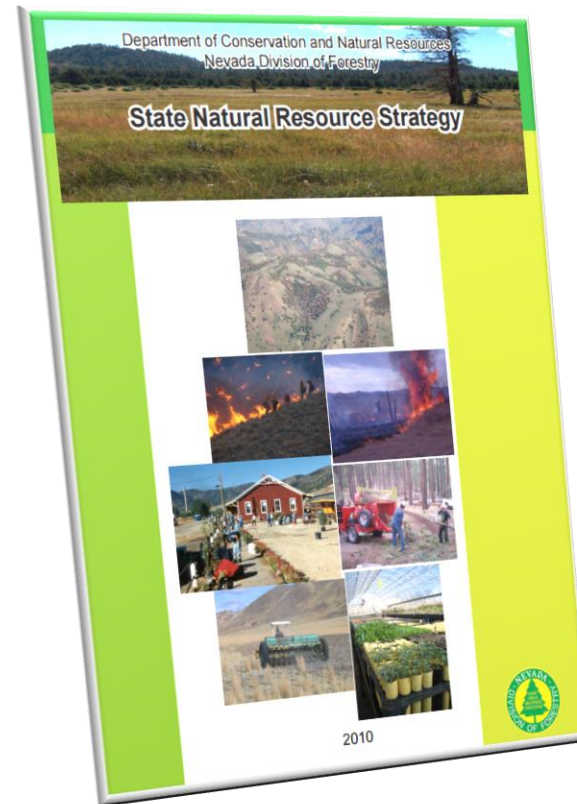
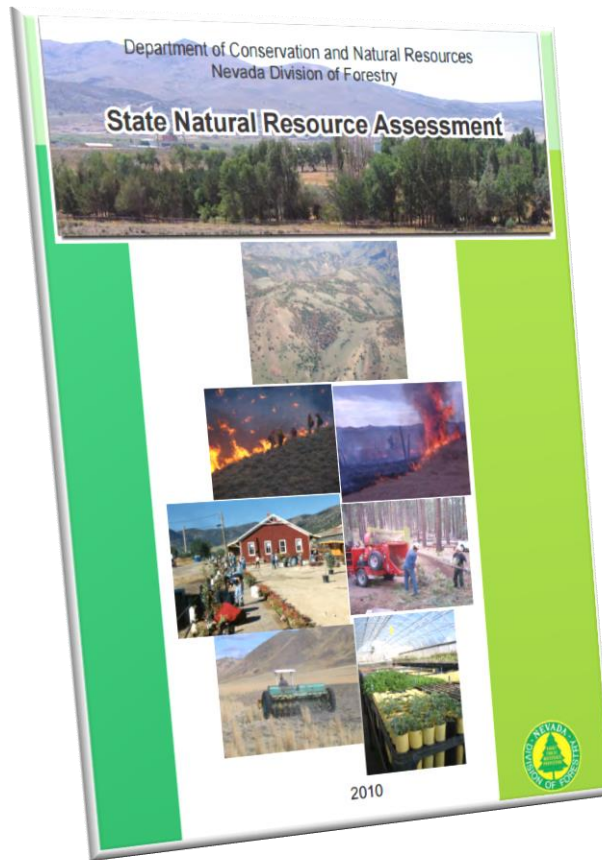
Financial or in-kind partner leverage is important

Timeline

2017	
Jan 2 nd	Announce Pre-proposal solicitation (LSR, WSFM, HF-CP)
February 9 th	Pre-proposals due to NDF (HF-CP), NDF Selects for full proposals
February 16 th	Pre-proposals due to NDF (LSR, WSFM), Final Proposal due (HF-CP)
March 2 nd	Pre-proposals selected for full proposal development (LSR, WSFM)
March 6 th	USFS announces selected HF-CP projects for award
July 1 st	HF-CP funds available for project implementation
July 11 th	LSR and WSFM full proposals due to NDF
August 1 st	Final WSFM & LSR full proposals due to NDF
September 1 st	NDF submits WSFM and LSR grants to west competition
October-November	Western teams score applications (WSFM, makes funding recommendations to USFS (Washington D.C.)
December	Funding selection announced for LSR WSFM (funding not guaranteed)
2018	
July 1 st	Dependent on congressional budgets, states receive LSR, and WSFM funding
July 15 th	NDF and partner agreements developed and LSR and WSFM projects begin

Nevada Forest Action Plan

State Wide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy



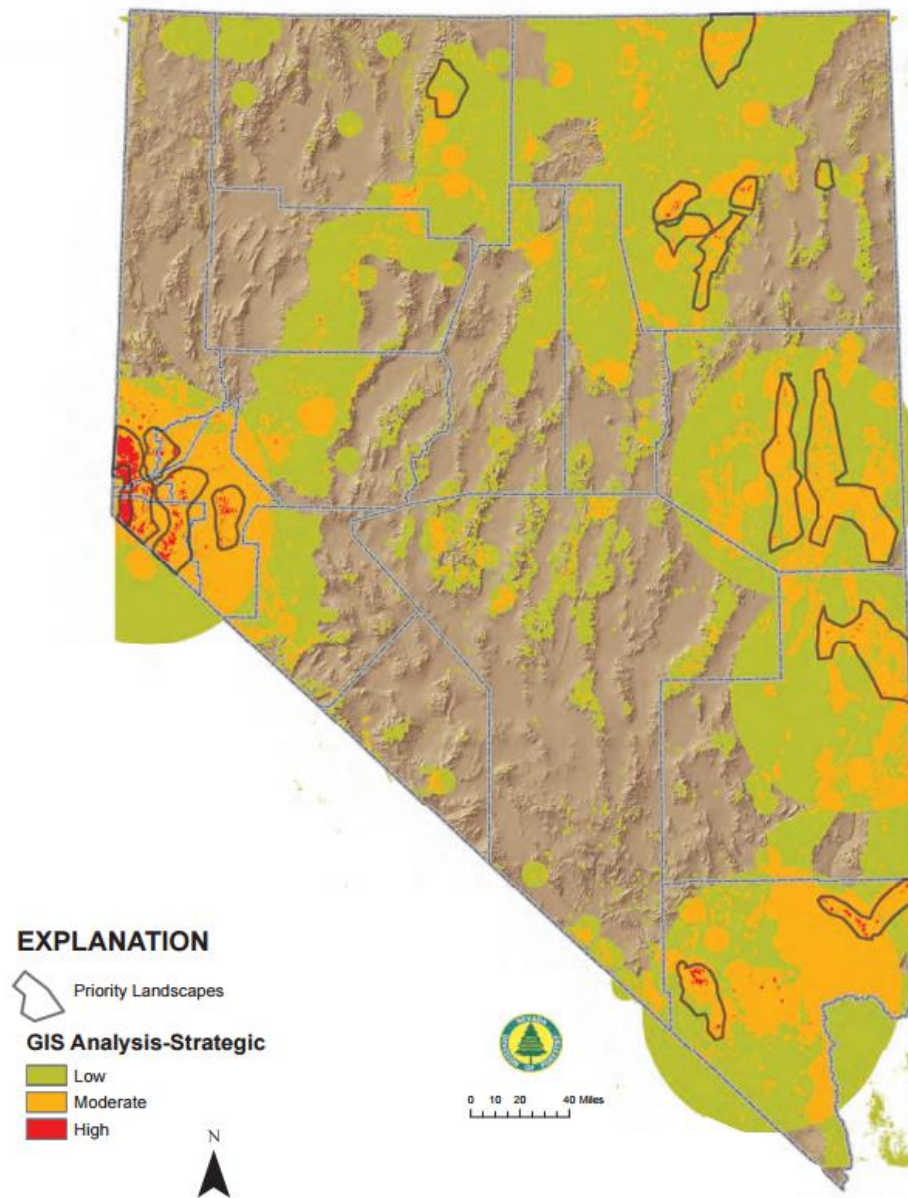


Figure 1. Priority Landscapes

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

NDF

- Can submit 3 LSR applications for competition with western states.
- Projects selected and developed from successful pre-proposals.

Projects

- Address themes to protect, enhance and conserve forests.
- Funding Authorities:
 - Forest Stewardship
 - Forest Health
 - Fire
 - Urban and Community Forestry

LSR Projects



- Innovative projects that integrate various programs (NDF and partner programs).
- Work across ownerships, management or jurisdictional boundaries. (Note: grant dollars cannot be spent on federal lands. Federal projects can be used as leverage.)
- Address local or statewide forest resource issues in Nevada's Forest Action Plan

<http://forestry.nv.gov/forestry-resources/state-resource-assessments/>

Types of LSR Projects



- Assess needs, develop plans (e.g., watershed action plans and Forest Stewardship Plans)
- Project activities should maintain and increase vegetation diversity and resiliency. Both urban and rural forests are eligible.
 - Improve/restore forest health, air and water resources, riparian areas, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities
 - Reduce wildfire, noxious weeds, development pressure and impacts from undesignated recreation

Types of LSR Projects



- Address community issues such as stormwater, air quality, energy use, or invasive species.
- Work with local and state governments to affect policy changes, develop plans, or conduct statewide training.
- All projects should include outreach and education to relevant audiences:
 - Landowners
 - Local organizations

See NDF grants web page for project examples:

<http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/>

LSR Grant Dollar Restrictions



Grant dollars cannot be used for:

- Work on federal land
- Research
- Construction activities - new or improved structures, roads, bridges and culverts. If these activities are part of the overall project, use them as project leverage.

Planning LSR Projects



What's worked well:

- Hold planning meetings with potential partners.
- Identify and discuss potential issues.
- Find out who is doing what, where. Identify gaps.
- Support project with data, assessments, and maps.
- Determine actions needed to address issues

Leverage & Partnerships



Partnerships are key!

- Leverage demonstrates collaboration with other organizations.
- Leverage is defined as a financial commitment toward the costs of a project from a source other than the granting organization.
- **Can be federal in source. Cannot be used as match/in-kind.**
- Collaborators can provide leverage in project development and implementation.

LSR Pre-Proposal Application



■ Project Overview

- Provide succinct overview of the proposed project; overview easily communicates the main elements and value of the project.

■ Context, Goals and Objectives

- Clearly identify priority landscapes and issues/opportunities to be addressed.
- Address issues, opportunities and national themes.

■ Proposed Activities

- List and explain project activities that will be used to achieve goals and objectives.

LSR Pre-Proposal Application



- **Deliverable, Outputs and Outcomes**
 - What are the project deliverables, outputs, and outcomes? Outcomes and outputs should relate directly to proposed activities, goals and objectives. Provide quantitative measures of success.

- **Collaboration**
 - Describe collaborative efforts in developing and implementing the project. List partners, their contribution and the value (in-kind or cash). The dollar value will be used as leverage in support of the project, more is better.

- **Forest Action Plan**
 - Address how project relates to one or more priority landscapes, issues, areas, or strategies identified in the Forest Action Plan.

LSR Pre-Proposal Application



■ Scale

- Scale of the project is appropriate for the stated goals, objectives and outcomes including cross boundary goals.

■ Sustainability

- Indicate how project will lead to specific, quantifiable, cost-effective and replicable benefits.

■ Implementation

- Project implementation readiness.
- New project or a continuation/expansion of a current project.

■ Budget

- Estimate project costs.

Additional LSR Information



- Go to NDF's Grants webpage – <http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/>
- Review CRITERIA. Projects are judged by this.
- Review past projects. Look at how they are written.
- Questions: Contact Heather Giger
hdgiger@forestry.nv.gov or 775-684-2552

Western State Fire Managers (WSFM) & Hazardous Fuels-Community Protection (HF-CP) Grants

- WSFM and HF-CP Program grants-modify fire behavior, protect life and property
- NDF can submit 10 WSFM Grants
- HF-CP Program dependent on USFS regional funding

Fire Grant Criteria

CRITERIA

Hazardous Fuels - Community Protection (HF-CP)*	Western States Fire Managers (WSFM)*
Project MUST be in CWPP	Project MUST be in CWPP or Propose to Complete a CWPP as part of the project
Project MUST be adjacent to USFS project on USFS lands	Project NOT ownership adjacent specific
Project DOES NOT require match, though 10% or greater increases chances for selection	MUST include 100% non-federal in-kind or cash match

** All grant money is courtesy of the USFS*

WHAT IS A WSFM or HF-CP PROJECT?

Is pre-determined and pre-defined in a CWPP

EXAMPLES

- ☐ Fuel Breaks
 - ☐ Shaded
 - ☐ Green Strip
- ☐ Forest Thinning
- ☐ Defensible Space
- ☐ Watershed Protection
- ☐ Etc.

Who Can Apply?

- ☐ Any County with proof the project is identified in a CWPP
- ☐ Local or state governments with proof the project is in a CWPP and they have capacity to manage project
- ☐ Any accredited non-profit or company with proof the project is in a CWPP and they have capacity to manage project
- ☐ Landowners that have private lands where community protection projects specified in CWPP are going to be implemented

Grant Dollar Restrictions

- **WSFM and HF-CP Grants exclude:**
 - Individual homeowner defensible space
 - Maintenance on previous federally funded fuels projects
 - Preparedness and suppression capacity building (e.g. purchase of fire department equipment)
 - Small business start-up funding
 - GIS/database development.

Application Comparison

HF-CP

WSFM

Community Protection Program Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	
State Priority Number:	
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$0
Leveraged Funds:	\$0

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Wildland/Urban Interface Grant Program provides funding for projects that reduce the effects of catastrophic fire on Intermountain communities. For the *Community Protection Program*, eligible projects are for fuels reduction on non-federal lands adjacent to federal lands with a planned fuels reduction project pending or in progress. Specifically, projects on non-federal land must be:

- ✓ Adjacent to federal land (i.e. National Forests) where fuels reduction projects are occurring or are pending;
- ✓ The federal treatment must include a fire component, whether it's prescribed burning, treatment of slash by burning piles, etc.
- ✓ The non-federal property must be treated prior to the federal project;
- ✓ The federal treatments must follow the private treatments within a reasonable time period (18-24 months)

The primary objective of the *Community Protection Program* is to minimize damage to private property in the event a fire crosses onto private property from adjacent federal property. For this reason, funding is only available for on-the-ground fuels treatment of non-federal acreage. There is no match required by the applicant. However, because the focus is on treating as many acres as possible with available funding, any match that serves to lower the grant cost-per-acre is highly desirable and may make the proposal more competitive. Applicants are required to work with local Forest Service personnel in determining where federal treatments are planned for the wildland/urban interface and how to best coordinate a project on non-federal lands adjacent to the treatment area.

PLEASE NOTE: All information for the project must fit into the allotted character spaces provided on the form. Applications that have been altered in any way will be disqualified. Attachments will not be reviewed.

Applicant Information	
1	Applicant: Contact Person: Address: City/Zip Code: Phone (Work/Cell): Email: Fax:

Community At Risk Information	
2	Name of Project: Community Name: County: Congressional District: Latitude (decimal degrees): Longitude (decimal degrees):

2015 State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	
State Priority Number:	
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$0.00
Matching Share:	\$0.00

*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
1	Applicant: Contact Person: Address: City/Zip Code: Phone (Work/Cell): Email: Fax: Federal Tax ID/DUNS #:

Project Information	
2	Name of Project: Community Name: County(ies): Congressional District: Latitude: Longitude:

Total Project Expense				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 4)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
3 Personnel / Labor:				\$0.00
Fringe Benefits:				\$0.00
Travel:				\$0.00
Equipment:				\$0.00
Supplies:				\$0.00
Contractual:				\$0.00
Construction:				\$0.00
Other:				\$0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

HF-CP

WSFM

Total Project Expense (Include leveraged funds if applicable)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Leveraged funds		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:				\$0
Fringe Benefits:				\$0
Travel:				\$0
Equipment:				\$0
Supplies:				\$0
Contractual:				\$0
Construction:				\$0
Other:				\$0
Indirect Costs:				\$0
TOTAL:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)	
Name of the Forest Service Project adjacent to this treatment?	
Forest Service Contact Person:	Phone:
What is the duration of this project? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> One Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Years	
Hazard Fuels Reduction <input type="checkbox"/>	
Number of acres to be treated:	Estimated cost per acre:
Number of communities directly affected by this project:	
Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	
Number of residences affected:	
Project Timeline	
Provide a working timeline for project which includes milestones, timeframes, and critical steps for project completion.	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	
Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> in development	
Is this project part of the plan? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?	

2015 State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Priority Number:	
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Matching Share:	\$0.00

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	City/Zip Code:
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	Email:
	Fax:
	Federal Tax ID/DUNS #:

Project Information	
2	Name of Project:
	Community Name:
	County(ies):
	Congressional District:
	Latitude: Longitude:

Total Project Expense				
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Construction:				\$0.00
Other:				\$0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

HF-CP

Total Project Expense (Include leveraged funds if applicable)					
3	Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Leveraged funds		TOTAL
			Dollars	In-Kind	
	Personnel / Labor:				\$0
	Fringe Benefits:				\$0
	Travel:				\$0
	Equipment:				\$0
	Supplies:				\$0
	Contractual:				\$0
	Construction:				\$0
	Other:				\$0
	Indirect Costs:				\$0
	TOTAL:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)		
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	Hazard Fuels Reduction <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Number of acres to be treated: _____ Estimated cost per acre: _____	
	Number of communities directly affected by this project: _____	
	Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Number of residences affected: _____	
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Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?		

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Budget Narrative	
4	
Project Area Description and Challenges	
5	
Relation to Forest Action Plan CWPP	
6	

HF-CP

5	Project Area Description
	Provide a brief overview of the project and the project area. (If applying for a fuels reduction project, identify vegetation types.)

6	Scope of Work
	Provide a brief scope of work which clearly describes how grant funds will be spent. (This should be more specific than the project description. Include any additional information regarding budget details in this section. Also explain how this project aligns with the active or proposed Forest Service Project named above.)

WSFM

7	Proposed Activities

8	Landscape

HF-CP

7	Interagency Collaboration
	Specify the private, local, tribal, county, state, federal and/or non-governmental (501c3) organizations that will contribute to or participate in the completion of this project. Describe briefly the contributions each partner will make (i.e. – donating time/equipment, funding, etc.).
8	Maintenance / Sustainability
	Clearly demonstrate how this project will remain effective over time by clearly outlining commitments, monitoring measurables, future funding, environmental factors and outreach.

WSFM

9	Project Collaboration
10	Project Timeline
11	Project Sustainability

ALL INFORMATION MUST FIT INTO THE BOXES PROVIDED. ATTACHMENTS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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